

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A guided missile having an airframe with a tip, a seeker head arranged in said tip and window means located in front of said seeker head for closing said airframe at said tip to protect said seeker head, said airframe defining a longitudinal axis, and jettisonable protective cap means attached to said airframe in front of said window means for ~~protective~~ protection of said window means, wherein said protective cap means is longitudinally divided into at least two parts which, together, extend circumferentially through an angle of 360° about said longitudinal axis, each said part extending through an angle of not more than 180°, said at least two parts being interconnected by connecting means, means being provided for releasing said connecting means; and said two parts together and said airframe defining a form-fitting interlocking structure along the airframe-side edge of said protective cap means only, when said two parts are interconnected[,].
2. (Original) A guided missile as claimed in claim 1, wherein said protecting cap means comprise a conical cap divided along at least two cone generatrices.
3. (Currently Amended) A guided missile as claimed in claim 1, wherein said releasing means comprise ~~pyrotechnical~~ pyrotechnic releasing means.
4. (Currently Amended) A guided missile as claimed in claim 1, wherein said protective cap means comprise a protective cap having an opening located substantially on said longitudinal axis, ~~to permit, in operation,~~ facilitating dynamic pressure to build up within said protective cap during flight of said guided missile.

5. (Currently Amended) A guided missile as claimed in claim 4, ~~and further~~ comprising jettisonable closure means attached to said protective cap for closing said opening, and closure member releasing means for releasing said closure means.

6. (Currently Amended) A guided missile as claimed in claim 5, wherein said protective cap is ~~frusto~~frusto-conical comprising at least two circumferentially extending parts and ha a front edge and a rear edge, said edge being said airframe-side edge, and said closure means comprise means for engaging said front edge, thereby forming part of said connecting means, whereby, when said closure ~~member~~ means is jettisoned by said closure member releasing means, said dynamic pressure ~~push~~ causes said at least two circumferentially extending parts ~~to apart~~ part sidewise, thereby ~~permitting~~ facilitating release of said form-fitting interlocking structure.

7. (Currently Amended) A guided missile as claimed in claim 5, wherein said closure member releasing means ~~closure member releasing means~~ comprise ~~pyrotechnical~~ pyrotechnic releasing means.